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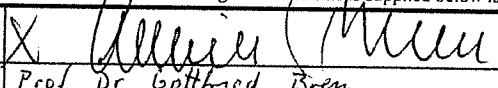
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: Robert-Matthias Leiser et al.Application No./Patent No.: 10/595,755 Filed/Issue Date: May 9, 2006Entitled: A Composite Polymer-Coated Sorbent with a Bidisperse Pore Size Distribution for the Simultaneous Separation and Desalting of BiopolymersNExTec GmbH, a Corporation
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